

What to expect at your interview

You've got an interview with Pinterest coming up (YES!). Before the big day, we want to run through how the interview process works, go over what kinds of things we'll be talking to you about, and make sure you have all the information you need to have an awesome interview.

Prep tips

Here are some interview nuggets to help you prepare.

- Brush up on core CS concepts, general software engineering skills and large scale systems.
- We're constantly refreshing our interview question bank—these sites will help you get in the right frame of mind:
 - [Hackerearth](#)
 - [careercup](#)
 - [GeeksforGeeks](#)
 - [Topcoder.com](#)
 - The Pinterest open source on [Github](#)
- Make sure to spend time on the [engineering](#) and [careers](#) sites to get a better sense of our company, culture and product.
- You should also expect questions about Pinterest itself, so don't forget to spend some time on [Pinterest](#), too!

Interview steps

1. An interview by phone + virtual coding chat room

- **What:** 1 to 2 coding based questions with an engineer from our product or platform team. You can expect problem solving, algorithm and data structure questions.
- **Why:** We want to get a feel for your coding abilities, and see if you can create code that's clean, efficient and bug-free.
- **Length:** 1 hour.

2. A second interview by phone + virtual coding chat room

- **What:** 1 to 2 additional coding based questions with an engineer. You can expect more problem solving, algorithm and data structure questions.
- **Why:** We want to take another look at your coding abilities and learn about your problem solving mindset. We'll be looking for solid, sustainable code.
- **Length:** 1 hour.

3. Optional additional phone interview, as needed

During your coding interviews

- You can code in whatever language you prefer, however there may be cases where the interviewer will ask for you to use a specific language.
- Please make sure your code is clean, bug-free, efficient and sustainable.
- If the interviewer gives you hints to improve your code, run with them. We want you to showcase your flexibility and collaborative nature.
- If you get stuck or make a mistake, don't stress! Identify the issue and find an alternative solution.